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Docket No.: 0905-0214PUS3

**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/256,367 filed on February 24, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by Hiroshi TANAKA for IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PRINTING CONTROL APPARATUS, PRINT IMAGE DESIGNATION METHOD AND IMAGE PRINTING CONTROL METHOD.

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

|   |                 |                 | LARGE ENTITY  | SMALL ENTITY  |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| BASIC FEE   |                 |                 | \$770.00      | \$385.00      |
|   | NUMBER<br>FILED | NUMBER<br>EXTRA | RATE FEE      | RATE FEE      |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS   | 2-20 =          | 0               | x 18 = \$0.00 | x 9 = \$0.00  |
| INDEPENDENT<br>CLAIMS   | 2-3 =           | 0               | x 86 = \$0.00 | x 43 = \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT<br>CLAIMS PRESENTED |                 |                 | + \$290.00    | + \$145.00    |
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3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. ☒ Enclosed is/are twelve (12) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/256,367 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.
8. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. ☒ Priority of Application No(s). 10-61875 filed in Japan on February 27, 1998 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on February 24, 1999.
- 9b. ☐ Priority of International Appln. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
11. ☒ Address all future communications to:  
  
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12. ☐ An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/256,367 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

13. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s)

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